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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO BONN: A PRELIMINARY SOUNDING

- 1. ALTHOUGH FRG EMBASSY HERE HAS ONLY FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION PENDING RETURN OF AMBASSADOR WICKERT, SENIOR GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON RECENT TRIP OF CEAUSESCU TO FRG.
- 2. CEAUSESCU AND MRS. CEAUSESCU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP SEEMED GREATLY PLEASED WITH TRIP IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN CHARGE. BODNARAS AND MAURER (WHO WERE LEFT IN CHARGE DURING CEAUSESCU'S ABSENCE) MADE THEIR USUAL ANTI-SOVIET COMMENTS, PRAISED GERMAN SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE AND EVEN NOTED POINTEDLY THAT CEAUSESCU HAD SIGNED MORE AGREEMENTS WITH BONN THAN HAD BREZHNEV.
- 3. ASIDE FROM SIX PUBLIC AGREEMENTS THERE HAD BEEN FOUR PRIVATE ONES INCLUDING LAUNCHING OF FIRST TWO GERMAN-ROMANIAN JOINT PRODUCTION ENTERPRISES: ONE THE FINAL CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOTIVE GEARS AT RESITA INVOLVING RENK, A SUBSIDIARY OF GUTEFOHHNUNGSHUETTE AND ANOTHER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO START FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOKKER FOR PRODUCTION OF SMALL, THIRTY PASSENGER, AIRCRAFT. CEAUSESCU HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH VOLKSWAGEN CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT GERMAN EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY AGREEMENT

REACHED YET FOR PRODUCING SMALL CAR OR PARTS IN ROMANIA.

4. ASIDE FROM ECONOMIC MEASURES, VISIT WILL RESULT IN ENHANCED GERMAN PRESENCE IN OTHER WAYS INCLUDING LIBRARY AND CONSULATE IN SIBIU. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS THE WIDENED SCOPE OF GERMAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN ITS SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS (I.E., THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS AND SELECTION OF AREAS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS). IT AND THE JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION IN THEIR MORE GENERAL SECTIONS HOWEVER, FOLLOW THE PATTERN SET BY SIMILAR DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CEAUSESCU'S VISITS TO ITALY AND NETHERLANDS. MARTENS

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